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# IRISES PEONIES

« 1939 »

J. C. NICHOLLS  
JAMES Z. NICHOLLS  
A. BARRY C. NICHOLLS

114 OVERLOOK ROAD      ITHACA, NEW YORK

## Conditions of Sale

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**Plants.** True to name, free from disease and insect pests. No substitutions unless requested. Orders accepted contingent upon condition and availability of stocks at shipping time.

**Sizes.** Irises, well grown single rhizomes.  
Peonies, strong three to five eye commercial divisions.

**Time of Shipping.**

Irises, begin July 25.

Peonies, begin September 1. Can ship all till November.

**Transportation.** Prepaid.

**Terms.** Cash with order.

*Include 25c for postage and packing of orders under \$2.00.*

**Discounts.**

**Irises:** 5% on \$10.00 order, 10% on \$25.00, 15% on \$50.00.

**Peonies:** Net, no discounts.

Prompt cash refund for anything we cannot supply.

**References.** First National Bank of Ithaca and our past record.

# FOREWORD



ADVANCING years have reduced my activities for some time but I have kept up the hybridizing at the expense of my retail business. I have neither been able to handle correspondence promptly nor to give as good shipping service as I would like.

My sons, Jim and Barry, became associated with me this spring and will continue to assist in rehabilitating the business. They have both been trained in plants at Cornell University. With their help, our service will soon regain its former high quality.

The winter has been very favorable and all the plants came through in excellent condition. We ship high class Iris plants and our Peony divisions are always exceptionally strong.

We could truthfully write more glowingly of our newer Iris introductions and the only three of our Peonies yet exhibited all won awards on their first appearance; the bloom of "Harry F. Little" which won as best bloom in show at Lansing last year was said to be "unbeatable" by many who wrote me. "A. B. C. Nicholls" has been selected to compete for best bloom in show every time shown. "George W. Peyton" will be a strong competitor in that class. "Mrs. Livingston Farrand" is still sensational and will be for some time to come. Our other listed originations are little behind those.

After consultation with Little, Peyton, Otis and Webb, we have placed in our garden all the best chinensis Peonies as well as many of the best tree Peonies.

Visitors are welcome in our gardens at any time. Usual heights of bloom are: Irises, June 8 to 15; Peonies, June 18 to 27.

J. C. NICHOLLS.

# Our Iris Originations

*Figures after names are the latest ratings we have noticed.*

A. H. Nicholls (1934) 24". Collected species "carolina". White with yellow crest. Hardy and good. ....50c

Aurex 88 (1932) 38". Large, bright variegata. Grape fragrance. ....25c

Autauga (1932) 28". Collected "carolina". Bright rose-pink. Hardy. ....50c

Black Valor (1938) 36". Deep blackish royal purple self with a dark beard. S domed. F circular, widely flaring. Large. Well branched. Strong substance. Grape fragrance. Velvety. A rich color. Valor seedling. ....\$10.00

Black Warrior (1934) 38". Very large, impressive, deep violet self. Good substance, shape and branching. Strong grape fragrance. ....35c

Black Watch (1937) 28". Violet with brown undertone, nearly black. Dark beard. Blooms with the Tall Bearded. Good substance. Well branched. ....\$1.00

Blazing Star (1934) 45". Tall, large, branched yellow of good depth. Fragrant. ....35c

Blue Diamond (1938) 36". Clear self of almost true blue, deep enough to give a positive garden effect. Fades very little until the bloom wilts completely. Blue-white beard. S domed. F flare widely. Large. Low and well branched. Strong substance. Sweet locust fragrance. Silvery and sparkling, it is more nearly a true blue than any other we have seen. ....\$7.50

Boadicea 83 (1931) 38". Yellow-pink blend, faint blue in falls. ....25c

Caballero (1935) 45". S red-lavender, domed. F rosy red with satiny sheen. Good substance and shape. Very large and splendidly branched. Grape fragrance. Beautiful and very impressive. ....\$2.00

Calera (1938) 28". Scarlet-rose seedling of Dorothea K. Williamson. Similar to its parent in size, shape, habit of growth and hardiness. Handsome. ....\$3.00

**Canton** (1935) 12". Seedling of *forrestii*. Perfectly hardy. A tri-color, the general effect being gray-lilac. Grass leaved. Odd but pretty and nice for the rock garden. Very distinct. ....75c

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**Champagne** (1938) 28". Light yellow seedling of *Dorothea K. Williamson*. Silimar to parent in all respects except color. Nice. ....\$1.00

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**Creole Belle 90** (1934) 38". Lustrous, satiny Bishops purple self with harmonizing brown beard. It has a wide band or "domino" of deeper color across the haft. Good shape, substance and splendid branching. Strong grape fragrance. Very distinct and beautiful. Was one of last year's sensations. H.M., A.I.S., 1936. ....\$1.00

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**Crimson Tide** (1939) 42". Large. S red, arched and domed. F deeper red, very velvety, flare widely. Orange beard. Substance strong and lasting. Low and widely branched, with many blooms open. Does not spot. Fine habit, hardy and vigorous. Grape fragrance. Rich, brilliant and has charm. Valor seedling. Splendid in every way. ....\$15.00

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**Crown Jewel 83** (1934) 36". A redder *Clara Noyes*, taller, larger and holds it shape a little better. The two do not conflict, the garden effect of *Crown Jewel* being burnt orange, that of *Clara Noyes*, yellow orange. Very popular. ....50c

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**Cryso-ro 86** (1931) 26". Early intermediate. Deep, luminous yellow of great brilliance. Often blooms again in October. Still immensely popular. H.M., A.I.S., 1932. ....25c

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**Fire God** (1929) 40". Brown Garnet. ....25c

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**Gleam 88** (1929) 45". Luminous coerulean blue with gold beard. Perfection in its class. ....25c

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**Gold Spangle 82** (1935) 34". Clear yellow of medium depth and size. Sanded with sparkling gold. Of good size, flares widely and has character. Excellent in every way. ..25c

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**Goldwing 85** (1934) 38". Pure deep yellow of even tone throughout, S, F, beard and styles. Medium in size. Gives a richer effect than *Pluie d'Or*. ....25c

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**Jolly Roger 85** (1934) 38". Rich, dark, velvety, indigo with yellow beard. Strong, slender stalks with better placement of blooms than other similar Dominion derivatives. Nice grape fragrance. ....50c

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**Lucero** (1938) 45". Blue-white of medium size. Excellent shape and substance. Delicious fragrance of sweet locust. Short but low branched with several well placed blooms open at once. Rated 88 in 1932 by four experienced Judges, page 29, A.I.S. Bulletin No. 45. Withheld for breeding till now (Mary E. Nicholls and West Point). ....\$1.00

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**Mary E. Nicholls** (1939) 42". Warm white self with burnished gold inlay on haft. Yellow beard. Medium-large. Strong substance, satiny texture. Low and gracefully branched with many blooms open. Deliciously fragrant of sweet locust. Extraordinarily chaste in form and of exquisite finish. Valor X Lucero. ....\$15.00

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**Mata Hari** (1937) 48". From Valor. Very dark blue-purple self with dark brown beard. S arched. F flare widely. Very large. Velvety. Good substance. Branched from middle up. Grape fragrance. A very impressive Iris of the first class. ....\$10.00

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**Maygold 80** (1931) 28". Luminous canary yellow Intermediate. ....25c

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**Mirador 86** (1935) 46". A type variegata, large, tall and brilliant. S bright yellow, arched and domed. F dahlia carmine without any edging of other color. Good substance and well branched. ....50c

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**Nurmahal 84** (1931) 38". Browner Grace Sturtevant of much better growth, shape and substance. Red underglow: Yellow beard. Splendidly branched. Strong grape fragrance. ....25c

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**Oxheart 84** (1934) 36". Large, rich, velvety cherry red self of fine shape and substance. Wide circular falls. Very fragrant. ....35c

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**Pride** (1937) 48". From Valor. S mauve-purple. F deeper red purple with a violet underglow and a wide flare. A clear white line at end of beard adds distinction. Branching short but low. Several blooms open at once. Grape fragrance. Not just another red-purple but a jaunty and characterful Iris of the first class. Ample stock ....\$2.00



**Red Elf** (1932) 26". Small intense red-garnet self. Later than Spark. Grape fragrance. ....25c

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**Red Revel** (1939) 38". S rosy red, domed. F deeper rosy red, widely flaring. Velvety. Orange brown beard. Medium size. Strong substance. Extraordinarily floriferous with many blooms well placed on slender stalks. Grape fragrance. Very late. Spokan X Red Robe. ....\$5.00

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**Red Robe 87** (1931) 36". Very large, brilliant, carrying red-violet. Nicely branched with many open at once. Grape fragrance. A gorgeous Iris and the best self seller we grow. H.M., A.I.S., 1932. ....50c

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**Red Valor** (1939) 38". S and F same shade of deep, glowing garnet red. S domed. F flare. Excellent shape and strong substance. Large. Brown beard. Low but short branched with several blooms open at once. Grape fragrance. ....\$15.00

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**Sapphire Night** (1934) 15". Early. Deep, lustrous indigo purple, S, F, styles and crests. Dark beard. Fragrant. A beautiful miniature. ....25c

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**Sea Dawn 81** (1932) 38". Old rose verging on burnt orange. ....25c

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**September Dawn 85** (1935) 26". Ruffled yellow with crimson suffusion, orange in effect. Dainty and charming new color of great distinction. A gem. ....35c

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**Shogun** (1931) 38". Deep copper maroon, orange beard. ....25c

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**Smolder 90** (1937) 46". A self color. Deep blackish purple with red underglow. S domed. F curve out and down. Brown beard. Large. Good substance. Nicely branched. Very fragrant. Outstanding. ....\$7.50

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**Snow Shadow** (1934) 36". From Cardinal. A large white tinted coerulean blue with a pale blue beard. Fragrant. ....35c

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**Solitaire** (1932) 38". Crystal white with gold beard. From Gleam which it resembles in shape, size, habit and finish. The best medium sized hardy white. ....25c

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**Spark 76** (1931) 28". Early Intermediate. Deep, carrying garnet-red. Fragrant. Very popular. ....25c

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**Sunmist 88** (1934) 40". Large glittering white with yellow glow at center. Sweet locust fragrance. Looks fragile but has extraordinarily strong substance. Thrifty and floriferous. A beautiful thing with no discernible fault. In great demand. H.M., A.I.S., 1936. ....50c

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**Surefire** (1937) 15". Light yellow in spring but deeper in fall. Always blooms prolifically in October. ....50c

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**Tan Toy** (1937) 15". A bright tan-brown self, brown beard. ....25c

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**Tokay** (1931) 36". Salmon pink of great charm. ....25c

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**Trinket** (1938) 6". S, F, beard, styles and crest all deepest, glowing yellow without markings of other color. Shape, substance and habit ideal. Very floriferous. A splendid dwarf. ....\$1.00

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**Valor 90** (1932) 54". Dark, rich, velvety blue-violet bicolor with yellow beard. Vigorous. Fragrant. Dominantly outstanding in any company. H.M., A.I.S., 1932. A.M., A.I.S., 1936. ....25c

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**Vestal Flame** (1934) 45". Clear, light yellow of great purity. Several blooms open at once. Fragrant. ....25c

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**West Point** (1939) 44". Very large but refined. S indigo blue, domed. F slightly deeper indigo blue with rich brown shading at haft, flaring. White beard, tinted blue. A new color and almost a self. Low and widely branched with many blooms open. Very long period of bloom. Firm and lasting substance. Sweet locust fragrance. A Valor seedling. Late. ....\$15.00

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**White Valor** (1938) 40". S clear white, arched and domed. F white without any markings, flaring almost horizontally. White beard. Very large spreading bloom. Firm and lasting substance. Well branched. Strong fragrance of sweet locust. ....\$6.00

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**Wildfire** (1938) 38". Uniform red in all its parts. Brown underlay gives it a fiery glow. Satiny texture. Reddish brown beard. Medium to large. Good shape and substance. Splendidly branched. Grape fragrance. A brilliant Iris. Favorable comment in A.I.S. Bulletin 67 and "Admiration of the Committee" at Rome in 1938. ....\$7.50

## Other Irises

\$20.00 Siegfried, The Red Douglas.

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\$15.00 Orloff.

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\$ 7.50 Blue Danube, Naranja.

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\$ 5.00 Ella Winchester, Snow King.

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\$ 2.50 Aline, Ossar.

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\$ 2.00 Blue Triumph, California Gold, Happy Days, Sir Launcelot.

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\$ 1.00 Blenheim, Claribel, Dore, Eclador, El Tovar, Golden Light, Lady Paramount, Marquita, Missouri, Mussolini, Spokane, Sweet Alibi, War Eagle.

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75c Gudrun, Jean Cayeux, Joyance, The Black Douglas.

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50c Black Wings, Blue Monarch, Claude Aureau, Crystal Beauty, Electra, Golden Flare, Helios, Imperial Blush, Joycette, Mary Geddes, Robert, Shining Waters, Shirvan.

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35c Alta California, Blackamoor, Dog Rose, Los Angeles, Pink Opal, Pink Satin, Red Dominion, Royal Beauty, San Francisco, Sensation.

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25c Blue Velvet, Camilla Dubuar, Clara Noyes, Dauntless, Depute Nomblot, Desert Gold, Dominion, Geira, Gilead, Grace Sturtevant, Morning Glory, Natividad, Nene, Ningal, Selene, Theodolinda, Violet Crown, Waconda, Wambliska, Winneshiek, Zaharoon.

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15c Alcina, Coronation, Euphony, Germaine Perthuis, Hearthstone Copper, Pluie d'Or, Rameses, Santa Fe.

# Peonies

**A. B. C. Nicholls (No. 9).** A very large rose shaped white bloom with an inner glow of orange. The petals are wide and it uniformly opens well, even on young plants. Strong and lasting substance. It is a flower of great refinement. Vigorous and thrifty grower of good habit. Strong stems. Received an "Honorable Mention" and tied for third place as "Best Bloom in Show" at Toronto in 1936. .... \$15.00

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**Florence Nicholls (1938).** Large double of rose shape. Blush white with a deeper pink suffusion at center. Some narrow cream petals intermingled with the wide blush petals. Medium height. Extraordinarily strong upright stems. Very fragrant. Vigorous and floriferous. Early midseason. Number 61. .... \$25.00

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**George W. Peyton (1938).** Large double of rose shape with very wide petals of lasting substance. Pale buff with a definite and persistent suffusion of pink, deepening to the center. Exactly the color of Solange except that the pronounced flush of pink adds greatly to the charm of the flower. Midseason. Fragrance slight but pleasant. Strong stems. Vigorous and floriferous. Medium height. Number 2. .... \$15.00

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**Harry F. Little.** White with just enough color to give it life. Rose shape with wide petals. Very large blooms borne on stiff stems. Vigorous and has nice foliage. A flawless and beautiful flower. GOLD MEDAL, A.P.S., and the *American Home Achievement Medal*, 1933. Fragrant. .... \$15.00

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**Kate Barry (1938).** Japanese. Double row of soft mauve pink petals with orange staminodes. Harmonious yellow and pale green carpels. General effect, glowing salmon pink. Midseason. The excellent shape is retained until the bloom wilts. Tall, strong stems. Vigorous and floriferous. Number 214. .... \$15.00

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**Mrs. Livingston Farrand.** The color is true pink of considerable depth. Rose shape. Large. The stems are slender but are strong and wiry; they lean after a storm but hold the bloom above the ground better than most of the strongest ones. It has no competitor as a pink Peony and others agree that it is the most beautiful Peony yet produced. The stock is very limited. SILVER MEDAL, A.P.S., and the *American Home Achievement Medal*, 1936. .... \$60.00

**Mrs. Wilder Bancroft.** Japanese. A self color of rose madder or deep carrying red. Has a double row of broad rounded petals. The staminodes are about one-quarter inch wide and are edged with gold; they form a thick hemisphere. The blooms are large and shapely. It is a vigorous grower with strong upright stems. The first of about 400 Japanese seedlings to be selected for distribution. .... \$10.00

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**Spring Beauty.** Bright rose pink. Blooms as a large semi-double on young plants but is a full double of enormous size on mature plants. It is the most vigorous and strong stemmed variety we have ever grown. It has many side buds to prolong its period of bloom. It is among the earliest of all Peonies to bloom and, with its size and beauty, fills a long existing need. Our ample stock permits a low price. \$2.00

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**Thura Hires (1938).** Large double of rose shape with excellent substance. White with a strong lemon glow from within. Wide petals. Strong upright stems. Late mid-season. Fragrant. Vigorous and thrifty. Medium height. Blooms well. Number 8. .... \$15.00

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**NOTE:** *Peonies are net cash with order. No discounts.*

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